



LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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THROUGH: Lake County Commissioner, 200 East Center Street, Madison, SD 57042

FOR: Lake County Dispatchers/911 Coordinator

SUBJECT: Activation of Sirens during Emergencies

To standardize the utilization of sirens for public emergency notification during emergencies, effective upon approval from the Lake County Commissioners, the Lake County dispatchers will implement the following activation guidance for sirens.

- A. Respective **FIRE** sirens will be activated for Fires to summon fire fighters.
- B. Respective **ATTACK/FIRE** sirens will be activated for imminent emergencies, which require citizens to seek immediate shelter.
- C. Activation of sirens or public warning systems, during imminent dangers, will be under the auspice of one of the following listed personnel. The public safety will be the primary concern in the event of all emergencies.
 1. Emergency Management Director
 2. REACT "duty in-charge" person
 3. Lake County Sheriff
 4. Lake County Commissioners
 5. A reliable source determined by the dispatcher.
- D. Dispatch will advise Law Enforcement (City / County) and REACT of Watches identified for the Lake County area to include updates if Watches are escalated to a higher Warning level.
- E. Dispatch will initiate their severe weather procedures once a National or Local Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado Warning has been issued for the Lake County area.
- F. Sirens **WILL NOT** be activated for severe storm warnings. Sirens **WILL BE** activated when a Tornado Warning has been issued for Lake County or when a funnel cloud or tornado has been identified by a trained spotter or credible source.
- G. Dispatchers will activate the sirens when the National Weather Service or the Department of Emergency Management (State or Regional Office) provides direct imminent danger information to the county.

- H. In the event of uncertainty, the dispatchers will activate the sirens to ensure that the safety of the public is the primary concern.
- I. An ALL CLEAR siren WILL NOT be provided once the danger has passed.
- J. During an emergency, one of the personnel identified will be in contact with the KJAM Radio Station to provide current situation reports to the public. People will be advised to monitor the local radio station or NOAA weather radio for updates and when the imminent danger has passed.

DOUGLAS S. HUNTRODS
Emergency Management Director
Lake County

APPROVAL:



SCOTT PEDERSON
Chairman, Lake County Commission

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ATTEST:



ROBERTA JANKE, Lake County Auditor

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Lake County Sheriff
Madison Police Chief
Chester Fire Chief
Madison Fire Chief
Nunda Fire Chief
Ramona Fire Chief
Wentworth Fire Chief
REACT Chair